

**CLAIMS:**

1. A filter assembly including:  
a hollow body through which a fluid is to pass, the body having an inlet and an outlet downstream from the inlet;  
5 a filter member removably located within the body to filter fluid passing from the inlet to the outlet;  
a valve seat downstream of the filter member and providing a passage through which the fluid is to pass;  
a movable obstruction member movable relative to the seat between a first  
10 position engaging the seat to at least inhibit flow of the fluid through the seat passage to thereby retain solids, and a second position spaced upstream of said seat to provide for the flow of fluid and solids through the seat passage; and wherein said filter member and said obstruction member are magnetically attracted so that when said filter member is located within said body said obstruction member is attracted to said filter member so that said  
15 obstruction member moves to said second position, while when said filter member is not located in said body said obstruction member moves to the first position thereof.
2. The filter assembly of claim 1 wherein said filter member includes a magnet that magnetically attracts said obstruction member.
3. The filter assembly of claim 2 wherein said filter member is a basket  
20 including a side wall and bottom wall, with said magnet being attached to said bottom wall.
4. The filter assembly of claim 3 wherein said fluid cannot pass through said bottom wall.
5. The filter assembly of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein fluid cannot  
25 pass through said obstruction member.
6. The filter assembly of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein said obstruction member includes at least one passage through which fluid may pass so that when said obstruction member is in said first position fluid can pass through said obstruction member so as to pass through the valve seat passage while retaining solids that cannot  
30 pass through said at least one passage.
7. The filter assembly of any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein said obstruction member is a valve member that engages said seat.

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8. The filter assembly of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein said seat includes a support for said obstruction member, the support slidably supporting said obstruction member for movement between the first and second positions thereof.